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REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT MAILED ON OCTOBER 13, 2006

Sir:

Please accept the following changes to Claims 1, 20 and 24 as submitted in Applicant's Preliminary Amendment of October 5, 2006 in order to satisfy the requirements for properly identified claims in an amendment.

November 1, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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